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AMENDMENT

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is a response to the Office Action, dated January 22, 2002, rejecting all pending claims of the application. A petition for a 3 month extension of time to respond is attached, along with a check therefor. Please amend the claims as shown below. **All remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 19, 22, 26, 30 and 34 as indicated below. Please add new Claims 38 - 43. Please cancel Claim 20. A clean copy of all pending claims (Claims 1 - 19 and 21 - 43), as amended, is presented on the following pages 2 - 17. A marked copy of the amended claims is presented in the appendix to this paper.

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